

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 507

By Burkhardt

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Clarksville Christian School Lady Centurions girls' basketball team upon winning the 2023 NACA Division III National Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize and applaud those successful school sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group of athletes is the Clarksville Christian School Lady Centurions girls' basketball team, which recently won the 2023 NACA Division III National Championship; and

WHEREAS, national championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit, and the young women from Clarksville Christian School exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 3, 2023, the Clarksville Christian School Lady Centurions defeated Virginia's Mountain Mission High School by a final score of 65-38 to win the team's second consecutive national championship and third overall in five years; and

WHEREAS, the Clarksville Christian Lady Centurions were led by Kennedy Johnson-Corley, Lauren Hassell, and Marley Spiers, all of whom were named to the 2023 NACA All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson-Corley achieved a career milestone of 1,000 points during the championship game, and Ms. Spiers scored twelve points, twelve rebounds, and two blocks, providing a significant push to victory; and

WHEREAS, the young women of Clarksville Christian School undoubtedly benefited from the vast knowledge and steadfast leadership of their head coach, Trenton Hassell, and the school's athletic director, Cole Harper, both of whom have set a standard of surpassing excellence for the Lady Centurions that certainly propelled them to success; and

WHEREAS, Clarksville Christian School has proven true to its commitment to "Excellence in Education and Foundations in Faith," and it has been recognized by the National Christian Schools Association and Cognia for its efforts in providing a faith-based education of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, these young women from Clarksville Christian School epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved the highest level of success and shown the highest degree of character both in and out of the athletic arena; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Clarksville Christian School Lady Centurions girls' basketball team for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Clarksville Christian School Lady Centurions girls' basketball team upon winning the 2023 NACA Division III National Championship, applaud the team's tremendous athletic prowess, and extend to each member our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.